

THE ST. LOUIS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

2012 SPRING/SUMMER SESSION

The St. Louis Softball League will begin its tenth season of operation on Monday, April 9, 2012. Leagues will be offered in Forest Park (Aviation and Central Fields) and at several South City fields Sunday through Friday. With the exception of specialty leagues, which vary in size and set-up, all single game leagues will consist of twelve game seasons. Doubleheader leagues will consist of twenty-four game seasons.

Starting times on all non-lighted fields, plus all Sunday leagues will start on the hour (Example – 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., etc.). On lighted fields, Monday through Friday, the games will start on the half-hour (Example – 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., etc.). Teams must have at least nine players to start a game. If, for the 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. games, one or both teams do not have enough players to start a game, the umpire will start the game clock and wait up to ten minutes before declaring a forfeit. This will apply only to the 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. games.

Entry fees to participate in the St. Louis Softball League are as follows:

12 Games	Lighted Fields	Aviation Field/Forest Park	\$525.00
12 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	Aviation Field/Forest Park	\$450.00
24 Games	Lighted Fields	Aviation Field/Forest Park	\$1,000.00
24 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	Aviation Field/Forest Park	\$845.00
12 Games	Lighted Fields	South City Fields	\$460.00
12 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	Central Field/Forest Park	\$415.00
12 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	South City Fields	\$415.00
24 Games	Lighted Fields	South City Fields	\$870.00
24 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	Central Field/Forest Park	\$780.00
24 Games	Non-Lighted Fields	South City Fields	\$780.00

To reserve a spot in a particular league (category) on a particular evening at a particular park/field teams need to send a non-refundable \$100.00 check, money order or cashier's check made payable to the City of St. Louis – The St. Louis Softball League. Payment should be mailed with a completed and signed application form by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2012 to the following address:

St. Louis Softball League
5600 Clayton Avenue (Forest Park)
St. Louis, Mo 63110

Teams can still apply after February 17, 2012, but they are required to send in the full payment along with a completed and signed application. The deadline for all Spring/Summer session applications is 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 16, 2012. Leagues are filled on a first come, first served basis as final payments are made. Also, if a team has sent in a partial payment to reserve a spot on a certain evening/league/category, it is their responsibility to send in the balance by or before the due date. No second notice or reminder will be sent. Teams that do not pay their balances off by the application deadline will forfeit their deposits and their spots will be given to other teams. **Remember – NO CASH OR CREDIT CARDS. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS!**

The St. Louis Softball League will use the ASA rulebook to govern league play with the exception of a few in-house rules. This information, along with game balls, scorebooks, ASA rulebooks, schedules, roster sheets and illegal bat list are contained in the packet that teams pick up after they have paid their entry fees. These items can be picked up at "The Lab" (located on the north side of the Greenhouse in Forest Park next to Highway 40) according to the following schedule:

Central Field in Forest Park	Monday through Friday	March 19-23, 2012	3:30 PM-6:00 PM
South City Leagues	Monday through Friday	March 19-23, 2012	3:30 PM-6:00 PM
Aviation Field In Forest Park	Monday through Friday	March 26-30, 2012	3:30 PM-6:00 PM

Teams that play in the St. Louis Softball League need to be aware that glass bottles (of any kind) are not allowed at or near the fields. This is in accordance with City Ordinance #76522. Teams that do not abide by this rule will forfeit their games! This is a safety issue and will be enforced at all times. Teams that play on Aviation Field in Forest Park need to be aware that coolers of any kind, buckets and packaged beer/liquor (opened or not) are also not permitted. Teams that do not abide by this rule will forfeit their games! However, teams are allowed to bring a one gallon (or smaller) thermos as long as it does not contain beer/alcohol. In all situations, the manager/coach should police their team members to insure that this does not need to become an issue! Teams should also clean their bench when their game(s) are completed.

The St. Louis Softball League will continue with the classification system that was initiated prior to the start of the 2005 Spring/Summer session. A limit on over-the-fence home runs will be used in all levels of Men's and Coed competition on fields that have established fences. Even on fields that do not have established fences, this system will be in effect. The purpose of this rule is to have teams of comparable talent levels playing in leagues and playoff brackets against each other. Teams that have played in the St. Louis Softball League (formerly Forest Park Softball League) the past seven years and try to apply for a category that is clearly below their talent level will be asked to change their choice. If they refuse, their application/entry fee will be returned to them and they can play for someone else.

Classification (Category) Chart

	<u>Over the Fence Home Run Limit</u>
Men's Super/Competitive (S/C) Class A	9
Men's Competitive (C) Class B	6
Men's Competitive/Recreational (C/R) Class C	3
Men's Recreation (R) Class D	0
Coed Competitive (C) Class A	3
Coed Recreation (R) Class D	0

*Teams that hit over the fence home runs in excess of the limit for their classification/category will have the following action applied – the ball is dead, the batter is out and the inning is over!

The St. Louis Softball League and Metro ASA will again join together for a citywide playoff tournament at the end of the Spring/Summer session. The tentative date for the start of the playoffs is Monday, August 20, 2012. Teams that win their division and/or the playoff bracket they are in will have their choice of t-shirts or a trophy as a prize.

Every attempt will be made to reschedule games lost to rain or wet fields. However, depending on the number of games lost to these conditions, some games may need to be made up later in the season on a different night than originally scheduled or on the weekend. In any case, teams need to be flexible toward the end of the season so that these games can be made up prior to the playoffs.

As has been the policy for the last seven seasons, **demand will determine play!** If demand for a certain classification/category exceeds that of what is offered on a particular night in a particular classification/category, then the least demanded one will be dropped and the one of more demand will be added.

Please check the classification/category chart to make sure your team is in the right league. For more information, call Roger Berry at (314) 289-5307. Leave a message if I am not available and I will return your call.

Sunday (There will be no games scheduled on Sunday, May 27, 2012.)

***11:00 a.m. Starting Time**

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
*Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1	GLASS League	NL	TBD
*Forest Park	Aviation – SB#2	GLASS League	NL	TBD
*Forest Park	Aviation – SB#3	GLASS League	NL	TBD
*Forest Park	Aviation – SB#4	GLASS League	NL	TBD
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#3	Men's (R)	NL	\$450.00
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#4	Coed (R)	NL	\$450.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1	Men's C/R DH	L	\$1000.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#2	2 Men's (R)	L	\$525.00 Each
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#3	Men's (R) DH	L	\$1000.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#4	2 Coed (R)	L	\$525.00 Each
Forest Park	Central - SB-A & SB-B	Men's (R) DH	NL	\$780.00
Forest Park	Central – SB-C	Coed (R)	NL	\$415.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#5	Coed (R)	NL	\$415.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#6	Coed (R)	NL	\$415.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#8	Coed (R)	NL	\$415.00

Monday (There will be no games scheduled on Monday, May 28, 2012.)

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#3	Men's (R)	NL	\$450.00
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#4	Coed (R)	NL	\$450.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1	Men's (C) DH or (C/R) DH	L	\$1000.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#2	Coed (R) DH	L	\$1000.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#3	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$1000.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#4	Men's (R) DH	L	\$1000.00
Forest Park	Central – SB-A & SB-B	Men's (C/R) DH Lawyers League	NL	\$780.00
Francis Slay (Arsenal) Park	SB#1	Coed (R)	NL	\$415.00
Francis Slay (Arsenal) Park	SB#2	Men's (R)	NL	\$415.00
Berra Park	SB#1	Men's (R)	L	\$460.00
Carondelet Park	SB#1	Coed (R)	L	\$460.00
Lindenwood Park	SB#1	Men's (R)	NL	\$415.00
Lindenwood Park	BB#1	Men's (R)	NL	\$415.00
Lyon Park	SB#1	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$870.00
Lyon Park	SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$870.00
Tilles Park	SB#1	Men's (R)	NL	\$415.00
Tilles Park	SB#2	Coed (R)	NL	\$415.00
Willmore Park	SB#1	Men's (R) DH	L	\$870.00
Willmore Park	SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$870.00

Tuesday - NTL – Neighborhood Tavern Leagues

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#3	Coed (C) – ERAC LEAGUE	NL	TBD
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#4	Coed (C) – ERAC LEAGUE	NL	TBD
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1	Men's (C) DH	L	\$1000.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#2	Men's (R) DH	L	\$1000.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#3	2 Men's (C/R)	L	\$525.00 Each
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#4	Men's (R) DH	L	\$1000.00
Forest Park	Central – SB-A & SB-B	Men's (R) DH	NL	\$780.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#6	Coed (R) NTL – Central West End	NL	\$415.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#8	Coed (R) NTL – University City	NL	\$415.00
Francis Slay (Arsenal) Park	SB#1	Coed (R) NTL – Dogtown	NL	\$415.00
Francis Slay (Arsenal) Park	SB#2	Coed (R) NTL – Maplewood/R.H.	NL	\$415.00
Berra Park	SB#1	Coed (R)	L	\$460.00
Berra Park	SB#2	Coed (R) NTL – The Hill	L	\$460.00
Carondelet Park	SB#1	Coed (R) – NTL Carondelet	L	\$460.00
Cherokee Park	BB#1	Coed (R) NTL – Downtown	NL	\$415.00
Lindenwood Park	SB#1	Coed (R) NTL -Lindenwood/Hampton	NL	\$415.00
Lindenwood Park	BB#1	Coed (R)	NL	\$415.00
Lyon Park	SB#1	Coed (R) NTL – Soulard	L	\$460.00
Lyon Park	SB#2	ABEA League	L	TBD
Willmore Park	SB#1	Coed (R) NTL - S. Gravois/Afton	L	\$460.00
Willmore Park	SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$870.00

Wednesday (There will be no games on Wednesday, July 4, 2012.)

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#3	Coed (R)	NL	\$450.00
Forest Park	Aviation – BB#4	Men's (R)	NL	\$450.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1	Men's (C) DH or Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$1000.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#2	Men's (R) DH	L	\$1000.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#3	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$1000.00
Forest Park	Aviation – SB#4	1 Coed (R) & 1 Coed (C)	L	\$525.00 Each
Forest Park	Central – SB-A	Men's (C/R) Lawyer's League	NL	\$415.00
Forest Park	Central – SB-B	Men's (R)	NL	\$415.00
Francis Slay (Arsenal) Park	SB#1	Coed (R)	NL	\$415.00
Francis Slay (Arsenal) Park	SB#2	Men's (R)	NL	\$415.00
Carondelet Park	SB#1	Men's (R)	L	\$460.00
Lyon Park	SB#1	2 Coed (R)	L	\$460.00 Each
Lyon Park	SB#2	NGA League	L	TBD
Willmore Park	SB#1	1 Men's (R) & 1 Coed (R)	L	\$460.00 Each
Willmore Park	SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$870.00

Thursday* (There will be no games scheduled on May 24, 2012.)

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
* Forest Park	Aviation – BB#3	Coed (R)	NL	\$450.00
* Forest Park	Aviation – BB#4	Men's (R)	NL	\$450.00
* Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1	Men's (S/C) or (C) DH	L	\$1000.00
* Forest Park	Aviation – SB#2	Coed (C) Advertising League	L	TBD
* Forest Park	Aviation – SB#3	Coed (C) Advertising League	L	TBD
* Forest Park	Aviation – SB#4	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$1000.00
Forest Park	Central-SB-A, SB-B, & SB-C	Men's (C/R) DH	NL	\$780.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#6	Coed (R)	NL	\$415.00
Arsenal Park (Francis Slay)	SB#1	Coed (R)	NL	\$415.00
Arsenal Park (Francis Slay)	SB#2	Men's (R)	NL	\$415.00
Berra Park	SB#1	Coed (R)	L	\$460.00
Berra Park	SB#2	Coed (R)	L	\$460.00
Carondelet Park	SB#1	Coed (R)	L	\$460.00
Lindenwood Park	SB#1	Women's (R)	NL	\$415.00
Lindenwood Park	SB#2	Women's (R)	NL	\$415.00
Lindenwood Park	BB#1	Women's (R)	NL	\$415.00
Lyon Park	SB#1	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$870.00
Lyon Park	SB#2	Men's (C/R) DH	L	\$870.00
Willmore Park	SB#1	1 Coed ((R) & 1 Men's (R)	L	\$460.00 Each
Willmore Park	SB#2	Men's (R) DH	L	\$870.00

Friday* (There will be no scheduled game on May 25, 2012 on these fields.)

PARK	FIELD	CATEGORY	L OR NL	PRICE
* Forest Park	Aviation – BB#3 & BB#4	Men's (R) DH	NL	\$845.00
* Forest Park	Aviation – SB#1	Coed (R)	L	\$525.00
* Forest Park	Aviation – SB#2	Coed (R)	L	\$525.00
* Forest Park	Aviation – SB#3	Women's League	L	TBD
* Forest Park	Aviation – SB#4	Women's League	L	TBD
Forest Park	Central – SB-A & SB-B	Men's (C/R) DH	NL	\$780.00
Forest Park	Central - SB-C	Men's (R)	NL	\$415.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#6	Coed (R)	NL	\$415.00
Forest Park	Central – SB#8	Coed (R)	NL	\$415.00

***Announcements:**

Snowman Tournament – Saturday, January 21, 2012, Forest Park, Central field – Games start at 8:00 a.m. For more info, call (314) 771-5110. All proceeds benefit the Police Athletic League.

Missouri Veteran's Foundation Tournament – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 22-24, 2012 – Cash Prizes! Home Run Contest! – 4 Separate categories. All proceeds benefit veterans and their families (see enclosed flyer).

Umpires Wanted – see enclosed flyer.